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Col John E. Endicott, USAF  
Acting Director, Institute for  
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Dear Colonel Endicott:

Enclosed are the suggested research themes that you requested in a letter to me on 7 May. They represent new ideas, topics taken off our exploratory lists and areas we would like to explore more fully, but for which we do not have an available resource. Our analysts would be pleased to talk to NDU students should they choose to work on any of these topics.

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[ ] will be in touch with you by phone to arrange a meeting in late June to explain more fully the focus of our 1986 Research Program. Hopefully, this will help you in advising your students on topics. He will, at that time, also pass to you any late topic submissions from our offices.

We at CIA appreciate this opportunity to contribute and look forward to sharing in the product of NDU research where appropriate.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey

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SUGGESTED RESEARCH TOPIC FOR STUDENT RESEARCH  
ACADEMIC YEAR 1985-86

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Topic: Spain and NATO

**Brief Elaboration:** This study would focus on the potential Spanish role in the integrated NATO military structure, should Madrid decide--based on the promised national referendum--to remain in the Alliance. Will Spanish forces be fully integrated into NATO, what potential roles could Spanish forces play in the defense of Central and Southern Europe, what are the trends in Spanish force capabilities and modernization, what issues will the Alliance face over the near and long term (e.g. location and command of an Iberian Command, the question of Gibraltar, etc.)

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FY 1986

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**Topic:** China's Navy: Prospects for Force Projection

**Brief Elaboration:** Some of China's neighbors have voiced concerns that, with military modernization, the PRC navy will gain a formidable force projection capability over the next decade. This study would assess the Chinese navy today and examine its potential of becoming a regional naval power. Particular emphasis would be given to the impact of Western military acquisitions on China's naval warfighting options.

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

Within the next year. ~~within the next year~~

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**Topic:** Gorbachev's Generation: Eastern Europe's Emerging Leaders

**Brief Elaboration:** Several Warsaw Pact leaders are already well into their seventies and likely to depart the political scene. The purpose of this inquiry is to examine possible successors--people of Gorbachev's generation probably--whose perspectives have been shaped primarily by the post-World War II experience. The researcher must first identify principal candidates for leadership, then examine their backgrounds and writings and attempt to project their views of the relationship with the Soviet Union and the West.

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:** Summer of 1986

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**Topic:** Role of Chinese Academy of Sciences in Response to Chinese  
S&T Reforms

**Brief Elaboration:** The following questions should be addressed: In actuality, how has the role and scope of the Chinese Academy of Sciences changed in response to the call for S&T reform? Are the Chinese following through on cutting down the size of the Academy? Are Government officials serious about changing the terms of funding, about going from government grants to earning one's way by contracting to production needs, and about allocation of personnel from Academy institutes to Ministry research units? Are Academy researchers moving rapidly from basic to applied research? Is there any significant resistance on the part of the researchers to the sweeping changes imposed by the S&T reforms?

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

Before end of 1986

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**Any other details:** In March 1985 the Chinese Communist Party officially called for new reforms in Science & Technology. The reforms call for the size and advisory role of the Chinese Academy of Sciences to be changed; its focus will be on applied research rather than basic research. There are other aspects of the reform regarding the funding and allocation of scientific personnel that will lead to closer links between research and production units. The contract system and entities, such as technology markets, will come into play.

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Topic: Africa: The Counterinsurgency Experience

Precis: Governments in Angola, Mozambique, and Ethiopia have been receiving Soviet assistance to combat insurgency within their territories. A research paper should examine and describe the Soviet counterinsurgency strategy, assess its success and failure, and speculate on likely trends in tactics and strategy.

Timing: Schedule not critical.

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Topic: The Caribbean: The Church Takes Action

Precis: The Church in several Caribbean countries appears to be taking a more active role in domestic political affairs. A research paper should determine how widespread this activity is, the motivating factors, the impact on internal politics, and the governments' responses.

Timing: Schedule not critical.

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Topic: Central America: Impact of Increasing Refugees

Precis: Civil war, political oppression, and economic conditions have created a substantial flow of refugees throughout Central America. A research paper should address not only the political, military, and economic aspects of refugee movements, but also the sociological and psychological aspects, the effects on longer-term stability in the region, and the implications for the US.

Timing: Schedule not critical.

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Topic: Uruguay: Prospects for Sanguinetti

Precis: The civilian government that took office in March 1985 following 12 years of military rule faces an array of sensitive political issues and difficult economic challenges. Indeed, the advent of democracy raises the opportunity and likelihood for popular demands for changes. A research paper should examine the new government's performance to date and assess the prospects for political stability and economic recovery.

Timing: Schedule not critical.

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**Topic:** Soviet Methodology for Unified ASW Detection Techniques

**Brief Elaboration:** ASW detection techniques are often evaluated in isolation - acoustic, as opposed to non-acoustic; active, as opposed to passive, acoustic systems; magnetic, radioactive, wake, temperature, and bioluminescence signatures within the non-acoustic mode. However, the effectiveness of a number of interacting systems may be much greater than the utility of any one of them. Soviet interest along these lines is indicated by the fact that oceanographic research aircraft have been observed to carry a suite of sensor types. A study of the potential interaction of these devices is, therefore, likely to be more realistic than single evaluations of Soviet sensor effectiveness. Also, such a study may suggest advantageous combinations of US detection systems.

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Relevant efforts

1. JASON's non-acoustic ASW project
2. Summer 1985 OSWR non-acoustic ASW study program

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**Topic:** Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information in the News Media.

**Brief Elaboration:** The publication of classified information by the news media has become commonplace. This could occur only as a result of gross violations of security by cleared and trusted individuals. What are the implications to national security? To morality and trustworthiness of individuals entrusted with classified information? Is there something basically wrong with our approach to security? Do journalists understand the erosion, over time, of our national safety resulting from such stories?

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

Probably indefinite

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**Topic:** Egypt: Penetration of the Economy by the Military

**Brief Elaboration:**

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

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**Topic:** The Libya - Sudan Rapprochement

**Brief Elaboration:** Implications for the Region and the United States

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

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Topic: Instability in Somalia: Role of Military Sector Commanders

Brief Elaboration: Somalia's ongoing internal and external conflicts give the country's regional commanders a key role in the military-dominated Siad regime, and thus they directly influence its stability or instability. Regional insurgency and refugee problems are intensified by intertribal rivalries. The research should focus on the tribal backgrounds of these officers and on their handling of the military and political problems in their areas of responsibility, particularly with regard to tribal relations.

Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers: Ongoing--regional problems are unlikely to resolve themselves in the foreseeable future.

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**Topic:** The Role of the Church in Philippine Politics

**Brief Elaboration:** The Catholic Church is the most influential social institution in the Philippines. Some proponents of "liberation theology" have become more and more involved in politics and political movements--even joining insurgent groups. We are interested in the mainstream church. What are its views on the succession issue? On the insurgency? On economics? How does it make its views known and, most importantly, who listens to them? In short, how much clout does the church have? Examples of policies that the church has advocated and that have been adopted would be worthwhile.

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

The next 12 to 18 months.

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**Topic:** Advocates of Detente: Proponents of Improved Soviet-American Relations

**Brief Elaboration:** The purpose of this research is to test the thesis that there are proponents of detente in significant positions in the USSR. The suggested methodology is to study the writings and speeches of select group of officials who we suspect favor a better relationship, and assuming we verify an orientation toward detente, examine their influence and political prospects.

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:** We hope to make a decision on the viability of this topic as a finished publication by the end of March 1986. If it is established as a potentially useful paper then we hope to press on to publication by the end of FY 86.

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25X1 **Any other details:** This is a very tentative offering.  is currently abroad and this suggestion was made without consulting him. It is made now to keep open the possibility that an NDU researcher might usefully work on the topic.

Russian language ability would be very helpful in researching this topic.

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**Topic:** Malaysian Defense Decision Making

**Brief Elaboration:** In recent years, Malaysia has embarked on a military modernization program. Modernization efforts and attendant weapons purchases have underscored a serious gap in our knowledge of Malaysian defense decision making. The proposed research project is intended to develop an accurate picture of the decisionmaking process, define the key players involved, and assess their relative influence.

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

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**Topic:**

The Philippine Business Community: A Continuing Source of Political Activism?

**Brief Elaboration:**

Since the assassination of Benigno Aquino in August 1983, the business community--a traditional supporter of President Marcos--has become involved in the opposition to the Marcos regime. Looking ahead to the 1986 local elections and the 1987 presidential elections, what role is the business community likely to play in Philippine politics? Is business community involvement likely to grow or wane over the next few years and what direction will it take? What role does the state of the economy play in the political outlook of the business community?

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Spring 1986

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**Topic:**

**The Armed Forces of the Philippines: The Next Generation  
of Leadership**

**Brief Elaboration:**

Paper will examine the values, beliefs, lifestyles and interpersonal relationships of current Philippine field grade officers, with emphasis on those from the Academy classes of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Questions to be addressed include: what ideas and ideals do these officers hold about their/the military's role in Philippine society? What attitudes do they hold concerning the US, the USSR, and the Third World? How does the current leadership perceive this next generation, and what efforts might they make to influence/direct or coopt it?

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

Topic is of high current interest to senior DOD, State and NSC officials; immediate research during 1Q FY 86 is preferable.

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**Topic:**

**New Zealand's Opposition: Prospects for the National Party**

**Brief Elaboration:**

Why is Jim McLay's popularity so low and can it be expected to improve? Who might challenge him for party leadership? Why and when? In what ways is National's policy platform different from Labor's? What is National's "natural constituency"? Is it growing or shrinking? What new groups is National targeting? Will the New Zealand Party ever rejoin National? How strong is Muldoon's influence now? Into what factions is the party split? How powerful is each? What is the power base of each? What are its policy suggestions--if any--or are the factions based on personal loyalties?

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**Fall 1985 through Spring 1986**

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**Topic:**

Indonesia: Ambivalence Toward Nonoil Foreign Investment

**Brief Elaboration:**

Although foreign investment plays a crucial role in Indonesia's economic development and the government actively seeks new investment, the ambivalence of influential Indonesians compounds the difficulties caused by corruption and inefficiency. Expected shortfalls in foreign exchange earnings in the next few years and Jakarta's desire to avoid foreign debt problems increase the incentives to attract new investment, but the outcome remains in doubt.

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Winter 1985-86

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**Topic:**

**Singapore at the Crossroads: The City State in Transition**

**Brief Elaboration:**

With Singapore's booming, export-led economy slowing dramatically in 1985, the government will face severe pressures for changes in economic policy. What changes are likely? Will they be restricting or liberalizing? What political and social policy changes can be expected? Will Lee Kuan Yew again be the architect of the reforms, or will younger ministers indeed take the lead? Who? Will Lee use the present economic stagnation as a test of his successors or as an excuse to extend his tenure as Prime Minister? Will Lee Kuan Yew resign and become President as rumored? What can be expected of Lee Kuan Yew as a president--since it is doubtful he will be satisfied to be a figurehead? Assess younger leaders' succession chances.  
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**Topic:**

**The Australian Labor Party and the Trade Union Movement:  
Still a Strong Partnership?**

**Brief Elaboration:**

In what ways has the Labor Party government under Prime Minister Hawke failed to live up to trade union expectations? What political and economic constraints does Hawke face in this arena? What effects will the affiliation of right wing unions in Victoria have on the Australian Labor Party? What will be the outcome of the dispute between the ACTU and Queensland Premier Bjelke-Petersen? What longterm trend does this indicate for ALP-ACTU relations? What predictions can be made for swings either to the right or to the left by the ALP and by the ACTU? Who are the young leaders of the ACTU and which can be expected to rise to power? Will any of them enter politics?

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**Topic:**

The Indonesian Military: A Profile of Its Interests in the Economy

**Brief Elaboration:** The Indonesian military is extensively involved in economic activity. The military runs a substantial number of business operations in direct support of its own activities--such as uniform manufacture--as well as income producing operations--such as timber--to subsidize operating budgets. The extent of the military's involvement in the economy is unknown. Observers can only say that it is very extensive and accounts for a substantial portion of the military's operational funds. Some of the published academic literature on the subject gives a good background on the extent of the military's economic activities. Discussion with academics and US military and other personnel who have served in Indonesia would provide substantial additional information on the subject.

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**Topic:** The Philippines: Next Generation of Political Leadership:  
Conflict or Compromise?

**Brief Elaboration:** The current leadership is marked by the Philippine tradition of personality politics, borrowing directly from the cultural underpinnings of strong patron-client obligations. The upcoming generation of leaders has cut its political teeth on post-martial law politics, which have been dominated by President Marcos. This generation has begun focusing on issues when pledging political allegiances. How different will Philippine policy be under these new leaders--especially as it affects US interests. Will the emphasis on issues decline after Marcos has left the scene or will there be a new political order in Philippine society.

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

Summer 1986

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**Topic: Japan: How Cooperative on International Issues ?**

**Brief Elaboration:** Research should look at Japan's record for cooperation with the United States/West on issues outside the economic sphere--cooperation in international bodies like the UN, IAEA, World Bank, etc., and on issues like international terrorism.

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:** By spring 1986

**Agency and office requesting research on the topic:** CIA/DDI/OEA

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**Topic:** Japan's military/industrial complex

**Brief Elaboration:** The research should be designed to determine if Japan in fact has or is building what could be described as a military-industrial complex. The Japan Defense Agency is placing greater emphasis on domestic production of weapons systems. How will this affect Japanese defense industries? What direction and future do we see for Japan's defense industries?

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:** During FY 1986

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**Topic:** China's Think Tanks, Economists and Economic Policy

**Brief Elaboration:** How economic theory is formulated, refined and translated into policy. Who are the most influential economists, institutes; how do they exercise influence?

**Time frame during which research on this topic may be useful to policy makers:**

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**Topic: China's Interest in Dual Use Technologies**

**Brief Elaboration:**

China's priorities for S&T development over the next several years include integrated circuits; computers, software, and peripheral equipment; composite materials; fiber optics; and lasers. While development of these technologies is designed to help meet domestic industrial requirements and to enable China to enter new export markets, these technologies also have military applications. We require a study that examines the military applications for these technologies and how their development fits into China's priorities for military modernization.

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**Topic:** Western Europe and Japan: Security Cooperation

**Brief Elaboration:** Talks underway or scheduled between Japan, France, and West Germany on arms control and defense issues underscore the growing appreciation in both Europe and Japan of common security interests. The Europeans regard Japan as a leader in technology and will seek to improve relations with the Japanese. They also view Japan as a competitor in strategic technologies and are concerned that the gap between Europe and Japan will widen. This paper would look at the cooperative aspects of this budding relationship as well as its competitive nature and would assess long term trends and their implications for US policy.

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**Topic:** NATO: Declining Out-of-Area Combat Capabilities

**Brief Elaboration:** This study focus on those NATO Allies in Europe that maintain capability for out-of-area combat operations, particularly France, the United Kingdom, and to a lesser extent Italy. Despite the creation of the French Rapid Action Force, British lessons-learned from the Falklands campaign, and growing Italian interest in the protection of its interests in the Mediterranean, fiscal constraints are having a negative impact on their force structure and capabilities. The paper would assess these trends and the implications for the US in terms of potential Allied support for US out-of-area contingencies.

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**Topic:** Allied Views of the Chemical Weapons Issue

**Brief Elaboration:** One or two papers could explore various aspects of the chemical weapons issue in Western Europe. One paper could focus on offensive chemical weapons issues, particularly European views on US stockpile modernization and weapons storage in Europe as well as European doctrinal approaches to the use of chemical weapons in wartime and NATO's approach to deterrence of Soviet CW use. Allied CW defensive capabilities and improvement planning also could be addresses. A second paper could focus on the arms control aspects, particularly Allied policies, approaches to, and expectations of the chemical negotiations taking place under the UN Conference on Disarmament.

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 ATTENTION OF:

7 May 1985

Institute for National Strategic Studies

Honorable William J. Casey  
 Director  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

One of the primary goals of Lieutenant General Richard D. Lawrence, the President of the National Defense University, has been the redirection of the research efforts of the University's faculty, staff, and students toward addressing the needs of the policy-making community. He has created the Institute for National Strategic Studies to foster such policy-oriented work at NDU. Each of our students at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the National War College, many of whom are nationally recognized authorities in their areas of expertise, must fulfill a research requirement during their year here. While the selection of topics is a matter of personal choice, we have tried to persuade as many students as possible to examine currently important national security issues and directly assist officials who formulate and execute foreign and defense policies. During the course of the next several months you will be receiving copies of those acceptable student products concerning topics which you suggested to us last year.

As we did a year ago, we are writing to a number of officials in the policy community to learn what longer term research topics most interest you and your staff. We will provide your suggestions to our students as they make their selections in the fall, and we will forward their research to you upon completion. Any topics you provided to us last year which have not already been researched could be made available to our students again, but interests and points of contact change each year. You may wish to update the entire list. We will encourage interaction between your organization and our students during the course of their research as well as send you at least one progress report.

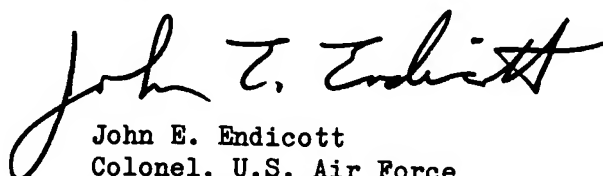
General Lawrence has given the Institute for National Strategic Studies the responsibility for collecting and coordinating the research topics. Please have your staff use the format enclosed, and we would appreciate receiving responses by 20 June. For each topic, please provide a point of contact in your agency and an indication of the time frame during which research on this topic would be of use to you. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 475-1190 or AUTOVON 335-1190.

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This University is committed to producing studies illuminating important national security issues for senior policy-makers. We look forward to your cooperation and involvement in this process, and we welcome the possibility of face-to-face exchanges concerning topics of mutual interest.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John E. Endicott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "E".

John E. Endicott  
Colonel, U.S. Air Force  
Acting Director

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